

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 959 - SB 1027

March 20, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes the Board for Professional Counselors, Marital and Family Therapists and Clinical Pastoral Therapists, to conduct its meetings by electronic means, as long as all board members can transmit and receive real-time audio.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- It is reasonably assumed the number of members present for in-person meetings will be similar to current participation rates; therefore, any decrease in expenditures associated with a reduction in travel reimbursements for members participating electronically is estimated to be not significant.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Board for Licensed Professional Counselors, Licensed Marital and Family Therapists and Licensed Clinical Pastoral Therapists had an annual surplus of \$65,031 in FY18-19, an annual surplus of \$37,111 in FY19-20, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$886,497 on June 30, 2020.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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